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### **MEXICAN CITIZEN FOUND IN DEKALB SENTENCED TO 82 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ILLEGALLY REENTERING THE UNITED STATES**

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; and GARY J. HARTWIG, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Frederick J. Kapala today sentenced **ALVARO AVILA**, 26, who is a citizen of Mexico, to 82 months in prison for illegally reentering the United States following his two previous deportations to Mexico in 2006. On October 3, 2008, Avila pleaded guilty and admitted that he had previously been deported from the United States to Mexico on April 22, 2006, and December 8, 2006, after being convicted of a crime of violence. Avila further admitted in his plea agreement that after he had been deported the second time, he again illegally reentered the United States. Avila acknowledged that he did not apply for or receive permission from the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to reenter the United States at any time after the two removals in 2006. The Department of Homeland Security was alerted to Avila's presence in the United States upon being notified by DeKalb law enforcement authorities that Avila was in custody in the DeKalb County Jail.

In addition to the 82 months prison sentence, the court ordered Avila to surrender to immigration authorities following his release from prison, as well as serve a period of supervised release of three years following his release from prison, and ordered Avila to pay a fine of \$500.

The case was investigated by the Chicago office of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and was assisted by the DeKalb law enforcement. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney **MICHAEL D. LOVE**.

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